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ONLINE REGISTRATION OF PASSPORT IN RPO BANAGALORE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of online registration made per day in the Bangalore Passport Office;

(b) the reasons for under-utilisation of this scheme by the public; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to make it popular?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) On an average, 20 online registrations are being made per day in the Passport Office, Bangalore.

(b)&(c)The online registration was introduced, initially only for graduates, on an experimental basis, at the Passport Office, Bangalore. Currently, it is open to all applicants. This facility has not yet been popular as besides online registration, a passport applicant may file an application for a passport either at a Passport Office or at designated Speed Post Centres or through an authorised Travel Agent. The number of online registrations would go up when the number of internet users among the public increases. In addition, the facility is being given wide publicity in the print media , at the office premises and through the web-site.